

January, 2012

Hello Folks... Larry Lilley here.

I want to share a little preview with you of our Adult II (60+) ministries, activities and events for 2012, here at Houston's First Baptist Church. Will you take the next few minutes and go through these with me? Thanks.

Now the "first rattle out the box" we kick off the new year in our Life Bible Study classes with a special all church study on PRAYER from our third annual "**Foundations of the Faith**" series. This is a "home-grown" study from the likes of Ben Pritchett, David Self, Mary Ann Bridgwater and others here @ HFBC. What a great subject with which to begin our new year, don't you agree?

For you "wild ones" out there "**Midnight Madness**" on January 27th should be right up your alley. If you want to know what's going on around here - this is where you need to be. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm followed by special guest speakers and presentations until Midnight. Comfortable shoes and wide eyes are preferred for this annual Life Bible Study conference to enhance our focus and preparedness.

Shortly after Pat and I came to HFBC I told Bro. John: "I love this church...because we do not do anything unless we eat first." So in keeping that tradition alive, look with me at our next event. That's right! - a **BANQUET** on February 11th @ 5:30 pm. It's our PRE REVIVAL get together with Pastor Gregg speaking and a special musical treat by our daughter Keri Lilley. Keri is Programs Director, Music Coordinator and Soloist at Clear Creek Community Church.

Now I ask you, is it right to have a PRE-REVIVAL BANQUET and not have a POST-BANQUET REVIVAL? So, we have a **REVIVAL SERVICE** scheduled for March 5th, 6th, & 7th, in hopes of getting some folks revived and some others saved - what do you think about that? (If you don't like the idea - you probably need to be revived!) Guess who is going to be the preacher. Here are his initials, John Bisagno. Yep - Bro. John! Oh yeah, lest I forget, John Bolin is leading our worship again, along with the REVIVAL CHOIR that has thrilled our souls for the last two years.

So we need to get to praying and inviting folks NOW for this great opportunity. Remember that little booklet you received in your Bible Study Department, "BORN TO REPRODUCE"? These Revival services are what that was all about - also the prayer list "THOSE I KNOW" is to help each of us focus on particular people in prayer and personal invitation. Join with us in reaching out to folks who need salvation and/or a fresh walk with the Lord. Remember the dates are March 5th, 6th & 7th @ 10:00 am in the chapel.

Well, are you ready to eat again? Our Life Bible Study **LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON** is the place to be April 22nd following the Worship and Bible Study hours. If you "are", "want to be" or "will become" a part of our LBS Leadership team we want you to attend this Luncheon. Pre-registration details will be out soon, so don't forget to register – or we may not order your food!

I know this seems "long-winded", but it's stuff you need to know so you can make the most of your membership here @ HFBC. I also know that you won't remember everything that's in this letter – BUT, if you will keep the letter you can review it throughout the year to refresh your memory. **DON'T THROW IT AWAY!**

Let me quickly run through a list of weekly and bi-weekly events and ministries available to you right now as well as some new ones to come shortly. I'm listing them by the days of the week beginning with Mondays.

Monday: (Play Day)

- * "BACK NINERS" GOLF GROUP – 1st Monday each month at Pinecrest Golf Club, 7:45 am. Call Joe Holland 281-496-1123 for information, reservations, prayer time, award presentations and team assignments.
- * GAMES GROUP – 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month in the Garden Room at 12 Noon. Call Helen Stanaland 713) 681-5807 for information and details.

Tuesday: (Pray Day)

- * SR MEN'S PRAYER GROUP – every Tuesday in Room 145 @ 9:00 am. All senior men welcome. Coffee provided.
- * "BACK NINERS" GOLF GROUP – 3rd Tuesday each month at Pine Crest Golf Club at 7:45 am. See above listing – same as for 1st Monday golf.
- * "COFFEE SHOP" (NEW ACTIVITY FOR 2012)
Begins in February – details forthcoming.

Thursday: (Study Day)

- * "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 10:00 am in the Garden Room. Larry Lilley teacher. Coffee and donuts provided.

Still more activities include, MONTHLY BUS TRIPS, SINGLE WOMEN'S CAR CLINICS, SAFE DRIVER COURSES, and BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASSES. Not to mention several large get-together events each year. Dates and details will be provided as needed.

In addition to these, we have some other things in the "works" such as a "Prayer Mentoring" connection with our High School students and a Married Young Adult connection for sharing our experiences and expertise.

Remember, there are needs and opportunities for us to invest our lives with our Pre-school and Children's Ministries as well as Faith Center – there is no shortage of ways to find fulfillment, joy, satisfaction and purpose. So jump right in..."the water's fine!"